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Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 (
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 3700

PATENT

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| In re A | pplication of: |) |
| Taiichi | roh MEGURO, et al. | Confirmation No.: 9139 |
| Applic | ation No.: 09/995,789 |) Group Art Unit: 3736 |
| Filed: | November 29, 2001 |) Examiner: J. Foreman |
| For: | MEDICAL GUIDE WIRE AND BALLOON CATHETER | Mail Stop AF Not Enter: THAWISS 4/7/04 J.F. |
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| | AMENDMENT TRANS | MITTAL FORM |
| 1. | Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and R the Office Action dated October 22, 2003. | Request for Reconsideration responding to |
| 2. | Additional papers enclosed: | |
| | pertaining thereto for biotechnology in acid sequence. | |
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| 3. | Exter | เรากท | ot I | ime |
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The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

- Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
- Applicants petition for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

| Total Months Requested | Fee for Extension | [Fee for Small Entity] |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| one month two months three months | \$ 110.00 \$ 420.00 \$ 950.00 | \$ 55.00 \$ 210.00 \$ 475.00 |
| four months | \$ 1,480:00 | \$ 740.00 |

Extension of time fee due with this request: \$420.00.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

An extension for ____months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$___ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

4. <u>Constructive Petition</u>

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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5. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

| CLAIMS AS | AMENDED | | | 1 | | |
|---|---|-------|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest No. Previously Paid | Present Extra | at Rate of | Total Fees |
| Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c)) | 3 | minus | 201 | 0 | x \$18 each= | +\$ 0.00 |
| Independent Claims (37 C.F.R.§1.16(b)) | 1 | minus | 3 | 0 | x \$86 each= | + \$ 0.00 |
| [] First presentation of Multiple dependent claim(s) \$290.00 | | | | | | +\$ 0.00 |
| SUB-TOTAL = | | | | | \$ 0.00 | |
| Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity | | | | | - \$ 0.00 | |
| TOTAL FEE = | | | | | \$ 0.00 | |

| 6. | Fee | Pay | ment/ |
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| No fee | is to b | e paid at | this time. |
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- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$\frac{\$420.00}{2}\$ for the two-month extension of time fee due to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION **UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 22, 2003, (Paper No. 8), and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, the period for reply to which has been extended to March 22, 2004, by a petition for a two-month extension of time filed concurrently herewith, entry of the following Amendment is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.

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